

The SHEPPARD SENATOR

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, home of the 82nd Training Wing and 80th Flying Training Wing

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Community assessment survey launched

The community assessment survey was launched Air Force-wide. Eight hundred active-duty members and 1,000 spouses at Sheppard have been selected to complete it. Any Team Sheppard member who receives the survey is asked to complete it. For more information, call Mr. Jeffrey Pixler, family advocacy outreach manager, at 6-2271, or visit the base public communication Web site at <http://www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa/>.



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig

Kids' parade

Parents and staff from the child development center walk with their children in the Services-sponsored youth parade from the youth center parking lot to the officers club parking lot April 25. The parade was held to celebrate the end of April, which was the Month of the Military Child.

NCO retraining programs begin

Voluntary phase starts; involuntary phase to follow if needed

WASHINGTON — The Air Force recently began the voluntary phase of its fiscal 2003 and 2004 noncommissioned officer retaining programs.

The program is designed to help the Air Force balance its enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages, personnel officials said. It consists of two phases — voluntary and involuntary.

"We begin this program with the clear recognition that people are our most valuable resource," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. "Retraining will allow us to alleviate stress from those airmen in

undermanned specialties, while still giving our people options and choices in the process."

The voluntary phase of the program is scheduled to run through June 6. The involuntary phase, if needed, is scheduled to run June 20 through Aug. 15.

While every effort is made to attract volunteers, some airmen may be selected for involuntary retraining if the number of volunteers falls short, officials said.

"Airmen in eligible career fields should look to their supervisors and leadership to help them make informed choices," Chief Murray said.

This year, officials seek to move approximately 1,400 midlevel NCOs into shortage specialties. The fiscal 2004 program will target approximately 2,000 to 2,500.

The imbalances in the midlevel NCO grades have occurred because of personnel force structure changes, differing retention trends among specialties and the equality of promotions across all skills, officials said.

The retraining program seeks to carefully balance member expectations with the needs of the Air Force, officials said.

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Team Sheppard Training 2003



82nd Training Wing: 20,362 students trained to replenish America's combat capability

80th Flying Training Wing: 52 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance





Photo by Ms. Sandy Wassenmiller

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, presents Staff Sgt. Martin Brown, 363rd TRS Munitions Systems Apprentice Course instructor, with a plaque for the Top Wheels Competition. Sergeant Brown won the quarterly award in the special purpose vehicles category.

Action Line 6-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have.

I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard Air Force Base a better place to live, work and play.

Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 6-2000, or send an e-mail to

action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number.

Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard may be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.

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Security Forces Squadron kudos

Comments: 1. I wanted to write a few comments about what a great job the Army and civilian personnel are doing on the base gates. I go through the gates several times a day as we most do, and every time I enter the base, these young people are always very professional, polite, and they do their job with a smile on their faces. Not only are they courteous to the driver, but to the passengers as well. My 3-year-old son looks forward to coming on base to visit the "Gate People" because they give him a couple of seconds and say hello. And it's not just my opinion. I hear co-workers saying the same good things.

So, please pass this message along to them, and let them know that we extremely appreciate their efforts. It's reassuring knowing this group of professionals are protecting us through all weather conditions, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week.

2. I know this forum is for complaints or process improvement opportunities, but I would like to express appreciation for our Army and civilian forces who are performing security duty for Team Sheppard. I have noticed awesome morale and spirit by the troops manning the gates. They always have a smile, greeting and "have a

great day" departing statement. Our Army brothers and sisters were called up to help Sheppard during increased force protection measures with no signs of complaints. They left jobs, some left family, and their attitude is outstanding. I am not alone in my assessment. Several military members and dependents have commented on the superior customer service provided at the gates. I salute their efforts.

3. I would like to send along big time kudos to the current crew of Army and civilian security forces at each of our gates. Their professionalism, courtesy and dedication are readily apparent each time I drive through the gate, and it's such a breath of fresh air. First impressions really mean a lot, and they render their courtesies to each and every individual, regardless of rank. It plainly makes our base community look great!! Thanks!!

4. I just want to recognize and thank the Army personnel who are augmenting the Security Forces here at Sheppard. The Army personnel posted at the gates are very courteous and professional. It can be a little tedious getting to the gates with traffic backed up the way it is in the mornings, but the positive attitudes of the gate guards really makes the drive in to work better. I'd like for them to know they are a welcome addition to Sheppard.

General Rooney: The Army and civilian personnel performing security duty at the gates are doing a great job. Not only are they courteous to the driver, but also to the passengers as well. They are stepping into a difficult situation, and their positive attitudes are the reason that their addition to Security Forces has been so smooth. They always have a smile, greeting and "have a great day" departing statement. Their professionalism, courtesy and dedication are readily apparent. Thank you for protecting us through any weather condition, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

New housing needed

Question: I live in Wherry Housing. A couple of years ago the base built new houses, but we have yet to get any more since then. I was just wondering why the money spent to paint the water towers wasn't spent on building more new houses that are desperately needed.

Answer: Good question. The water tower is being treated for corrosion both inside and out. Once complete, it will also bare the new Air Force logo. Also, I share your concern for the age of Sheppard's housing. However, these two projects require different funding sources. Housing projects are always funded using money approved by Congress specifically

for a particular project. Base Operation & Maintenance funding cannot be used in the housing areas. HQ USAF has identified Sheppard Housing for privatization to an outside developer because there are not sufficient military construction dollars to upgrade or replace all the old housing in the Air Force inventory. What this means is, in the near future, we will award a contract to a civilian firm to replace 722 of our older houses by the end of 2007 in exchange for control over all our housing for the next 50 years. This will obviously affect us in many ways. Over the next few months (as this process develops), we will communicate the details of this privatization and what Sheppard families can expect from it. This issue was recently addressed during our Town Hall meetings.

If you have specific maintenance issues we can help with, give the housing maintenance contractor a call at 6-1857 or the housing office at 6-5769.

Wear of head gear

Question: I have noticed an increasing number of personnel in civilian clothes in the BX, Mini Mall, Commissary and other establishments on base with hats/head gear on. I know in the past this

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RETRAIN

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“Ultimately, we need to balance our enlisted force to better meet today’s mission requirements and those in the future,” Chief Murray said. “The retraining program will help us do that.”

Several new features have been added to the program this year to make implementation smoother.

The selection criterion is no longer based solely upon seniority. Selections are now made across all eligible year groups mirroring assignment eligibility.

For example, once all ineligible NCOs have been removed from consideration, everyone left will be sorted by the date they arrived on station. Those with the most time will appear at the top of the list for involuntary retraining.

Wing commanders may recommend assignment curtailments of up to six months, except at remote tour locations or those requiring 100-percent manning.

The total active federal military service date requirement was extended by six months to increase the pool of eligible NCOs. In addition, military personnel flights will provide local commanders, first sergeants, career assistance advisers and supervisors with a comprehensive briefing regarding the program, officials said.

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force specialty code will be updated weekly.

Airmen “at risk” for involuntary retraining may access their relative standing on the Air Force Personnel Center’s Web site at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Retraining/retraining.htm>.

Personnel officials encourage all eligible NCOs to consider a special duty assignment such as the recruiting field, military training instructor, first sergeant duty or professional military education instructor.

Anyone interested in more details about the program can contact Mr. Lance Burroughs at 6-4849.



Photo by Airman Jacques Lickteig

March of Dimes

Master Sgt. Mark Irvin, 360th Training Squadron, collects donations for March of Dimes near Sheppard’s main gate Saturday. Several Sheppard members volunteered their time to collect donations for the charity. This is just one of many charitable causes Team Sheppard members volunteer to support.

AFEES visits Sheppard today

By Mr. Mike McKito

Base public communication

The Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society visits Sheppard today.

They are in Wichita Falls for their annual reunion.

The purpose of the society is to encourage Air Force members aided by resistance organizations or patriotic nationals of foreign countries to continue friendships with those who helped them during their escape or evasion from

enemy capture.

AFEES has a regular membership of more than 600 airmen from most wars, primarily World War II.

To be eligible for membership, one must have been a United States airman and must have been forced down behind enemy lines. Members also must have either avoided captivity or escaped from captivity and returned to allied control.

Other categories of membership are helper members. These are people who either directly aided the airmen or are

family members of helpers.

“Our organization perpetuates the close bond that exists between airmen forced down and the Resistance people who made our evasion possible at great risk to themselves and their families,” said Mr. Larry Grauerholz, editor of the quarterly AFEES *Communications* journal, and B-17 navigator who evaded escape in France and crossed the Pyrenees Mountains into Spain and Gibraltar.

For stories about three AFEES members’ experiences, see pages 14 and 15.

Family separation allowance, imminent danger pay increased

The legislation to increase family separation allowance from \$100 to \$250 and imminent danger pay from \$150 to \$225, retroactive to Oct. 1, passed recently and was included in the affected members’ end of month April paychecks.

There are 2,400-plus members across the Air Force who had closed FSA entries in their pay records whose

entries were not updated.

Those records will be worked manually and should be in the members end of month May paychecks.

The increase in IDP is not taxable for any member who received it for a month he or she was entitled to combat zone tax exclusion.

Although the increase is retroactive, it does not affect 2002 wages or taxes because

it is paid in 2003. However, under CZTE rules, it is tax excluded when received, just like CZTE leave or selective reenlistment bonus installments for enlisted members.

Payments for those members who did not have an open CZTE entitlement in their pay record were not excluded from taxable wages systematically.

Those members have been

identified and will also have their pay records corrected and the taxable wages reduced by Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

For more information about these changes, contact the 82nd Comptroller Squadron customer service section at 6-1851.

(Courtesy of the 82nd Comptroller Squadron)

View from the top: A special thank you to military spouses

By Gen. Don Cook

Commander of Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) – Throughout the year we celebrate and commemorate, often with great fanfare, people and events that have made our nation great. For the men and women who serve in uniform I think such commemorations take on added meaning and significance because many of these occasions are recognition of sacrifice, patriotism and service in securing and maintaining freedom and peace for our country and its citizens. But one occasion that doesn't get as much fanfare as it should is Military Spouses Day, which we will celebrate May 9. I think you will all agree we need to change that.

Our military spouses are extraordinary

people. Their personal sacrifices, contributions, volunteer efforts and service before self are integral to the health and well-being of our families, our success as individuals and play a large role in ensuring our Air Force can successfully achieve its mission. As we all know, the life of a military family is filled with unique challenges and opportunities. Today, it is often the rule rather than the exception that both husband and wife work, while sharing the responsibilities of raising a family. Both spouses may serve in uniform while other couples are comprised of a military member and a civilian spouse maintaining a career either in the home or in the commercial sector. But no matter the specific situation, I think today the military family, and the military spouse in particular, face the daunting challenges confronting them with a special fortitude, commitment and

esprit de corps unique to our military family vocation.

It is important to remember that in military families, all members serve our country in one way or another. During the often-lengthy separations indigenous to military service, the spouses remaining behind have awesome responsibilities to sustain a home and family. By default, they must frequently take on the duties of both mother and father dealing with the complex issues of daily life ... and they must do it alone. The military spouse is truly the engine that keeps our homes and our lives on track when the military member is deployed or temporarily away.

In my personal experience I could not have succeeded in supporting the many military missions I was called upon to do without the loving partnership I have with my wife, Diane. I am very proud of her

service to our family, the Air Force and our nation. I applaud her for her sacrifice and commitment and the fact that she has packed us up to PCS 24 times! She is among the thousands of military spouses who make this Air Force the great organization it is and I thank her and all our military spouses for that special commitment everyday.

Across Air Education and Training Command we will hold a variety of events and activities on May 9 geared to recognize the many contributions our military spouses make to the military community and the enormous impact they have on the quality of our lives. I encourage you to participate fully in celebrating their accomplishments and to thank them for all they do for us. Our spouses are special and help make our Air Force family strong. We must celebrate them.

Political activity: what is and isn't allowed

By Capt. Jason Kellhofer

Sheppard Law Center

People who happen to view a television or read a newspaper at any time during an average day may come to the conclusion that everyone has an opinion on Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The current political atmosphere is one filled with anti-war sentiments on one side and overwhelming support for the war on the other.

People should remember that military members are subject to limits on their political activity. Air Force members can find the rules for political participation in DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty; and Air Force Instruction 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the Air Force.

The following is a list of permissible and impermissible political actions.

Active-duty military members may:

- Register and vote
- Express an opinion on political candidates and issues as a private citizen
- Contribute money to a political organization.
- Attend political meetings or rallies as a spectator when not in uniform.
- Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in

uniform.

- Serve as an election official, if such service is not as a representative of a partisan political party, does not interfere with military duties, is performed while out of uniform, and has the prior approval of the major command commander or equivalent authority.

- Display a political sticker on the member's private vehicle, or wear a political button when not in uniform and not on duty.

- Sign a petition for specific legislative action or to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot, if the signing does not obligate the member to engage in partisan political activity and is done as a private citizen.

- Write a personal letter, not for publication, expressing preference for a specific political candidate or cause.

Active-duty military members may not:

- Be a candidate for, or hold civil office, except as authorized by DoD Directive 1344.10.

- Allow, or cause to be published, partisan political articles signed or authorized by the member for soliciting votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate.

- Speak before a partisan political gathering of any kind for promoting a partisan political party or candidate.

- Participate in any radio, tele-

vision, or other program or group discussion as an advocate of a partisan political party or candidate.

- Solicit or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities in federal offices or facilities, including military installations, for a partisan political cause or candidate.

- Make campaign contributions to a partisan political candidate.

- Sell tickets for, or otherwise actively promote, political dinners and other such fund-raising events.

- March or ride in a partisan political parade.

- Serve in any official capacity or be listed as a sponsor of a partisan political club.

- Perform clerical or other duties for a partisan political committee during a campaign.

- Engage in the public recruitment of others to become partisan candidates for nomination or election to a civil office.

- Display a large political sign, banner, or poster on the top or side of a member's private vehicle.

The most important thing for military members to remember is to check the rules before engaging in a political activity. Also, when in doubt, seek further advice from the base legal office.

People who need legal advice regarding a political activity can make an appointment with the law center by calling 6-4262, or visiting <https://webm.sheppard.af.mil/82trwia/index.html>.

To the editor,

April 25, 2003

I write following the recent road traffic accident involving James Derrick Duncan and Jamie Delph. I came over from England to visit my sister Samantha Duncan, Derrick's wife to try and offer some form of comfort to her at this difficult time. When we were notified in England of the accident we initially wanted to be with Samantha as she has no immediate family in this country and we could not bare the thought of her facing the prospect that her husband may die, on her own.

I have spent almost a week here now and realize that my fears could not have been further from the truth. Although the members of 361st Training Squadron are not immediate family, the kindness and compassion they have shown has been exceptional. Everyone I have met has a genuine desire to help in any way.

These thoughtful gestures have included, visiting Derrick in ICU, sending cards and flowers, cooking meals for Samantha and their two young children, William and Emily-Rose, selling hotdogs and doughnuts to raise money for them, and donating blood. On top of this people have rallied together to assist her in finding her way around Sheppard to take care of the matters that follow such a tragedy.

I find such unity overwhelming and want to thank everyone for their kindness and taking time out of their own busy lives to care. I will go back to England knowing that Samantha, Derrick, William and Emily-Rose have an extended family right here.

Emma Lammert

Banbury, Oxfordshire, England

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was not acceptable. Has something changed, or does the word need to get put out there that this is not acceptable?

Answer: Sheppard Supplement to AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of AF Personnel, Attachment 2, only restricts military members,

in civilian clothes, from wearing hats in eating establishments, except for special functions or as designated for wear within a facility. You can review the Sheppard Supplement at: <https://webm.sheppard.af.mil/safbpubs/afisups/afi36-2903safbsup1.pdf>. You can also get answers to uniform questions by contacting the "Sergeant Looksharp" office at 6-2984.

Classic Car Friday rolls onto base

Classic Car Friday is today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library parking lot. Contact Mr. Steve Hanvey at 6-5712 for more information.

Officers association to conduct meeting

The Military Officers Association of America will hold a quarterly dinner meeting at the officers club Monday at 6:30 p.m. The cost of dinner is \$16 per person. All active-duty, retired and Reserve officers are invited to attend. The North Texas Mens Chorus will provide the entertainment. For more information or to make a reservation, call 720-3258.

CGOC to host enlisted appreciation day

The Sheppard Company Grade Officer Council will host a Sheppard Enlisted Appreciation Day May 9 at the hospital pavilion from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event includes a barbecue. It's free to enlisted personnel. Officers pay \$5. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved to the enlisted club. For

more information, call Capt. Delores Anderson at 6-4418.

Spouse Appreciation Day to offer discounts

May 9 is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. The day recognizes the sacrifices made by military spouses in order to help accomplish the Air Force mission. Discounts featured on this day include the following: two for one bowling with a two-game limit; two for one golf with an 18-hole game, half off the cart rental and green fees; and two for one lunch buffet at the officers club for members. Spouses of deployed members get half off the regular price at these facilities.

361st TRS to hold blood drive for sergeant

The 361st Training Squadron's Propulsion Flight will sponsor a blood drive May 20 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bldg. 1954, the turbo prop hangar. The drive is to help Tech. Sgt. James Duncan, who suffered serious injuries following an auto accident. For more information, call Mr. Tim Robbins at 6-2533.

Vernon College to change to summer hours

Vernon College will change their on-base administrative office hours for the summer starting May 12 through Aug. 15. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and will be closed on Fridays. Call 855-2203 for more information.

AETC policy mandates driving with headlights

Air Education and Training Command's policy to drive with headlights on during periods of inclement weather regardless of the time of day went into effect on Thursday. For more information about safety policies, call the 82nd Training Wing Safety Office at 6-4149.

Civilian Tuition Assistance program includes Pell Grant

The Civilian Tuition Assistance program can now be used in conjunction with Pell Grant funds. Appropriated-fund civilians working for the Air Education and Training Command can receive financial support for higher education through CTAP.

The tuition assistance program is limited to instructional costs and laboratory fees for courses that are determined to be mission-related. Books and other fees will be the responsibility of the student. For more information, visit with a guidance counselor in the education services center, Bldg. 402, Room 306. Customers are seen on a walk-in first come- first served basis Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or call 6-6231 for a Friday appointment.

Officers' spouses' club to hold reception

The Sheppard Officers' Spouses' Club will hold an awards reception for their annual scholarship winners May 14 at 6 p.m. at the officers club.

The officers' spouses' club awarded ten college, junior college or vocational bound students scholarships in the amount of \$1,500. This year's recipients were Katheran Pritz, Heather Cummings Wagner, Elizabeth Nacol, Joseph Yehle, Amy Wenk, Brent Howard, Gregory Morgan Rose, Anna Delozier, Susan Rueschenberg and Keri White. In addition,

Krystal Blankenship was selected for the \$1,000 grant from the First Command Educational Foundation Scholarship.

The reception is free to all members of the officers' spouses' club. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Reservations are required by May 9. Call 855-7303 for more information or to make a reservation.

Children learn safety when home alone

The base family advocacy program offers a class for children, ages 9 to 11, to learn how to help keep themselves safe when they are at home alone. The Home Alone Class is offered quarterly, and class sizes are limited. Call 6-2271 to schedule.

Chapel holds Holy Communion services

The base chapel will hold a Protestant Holy Communion service every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the hospital chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information about the services, call Chaplain (Capt.) Sarah Shirley at 6-7281 or 642-4941.

Student Activities

Happenings on base and in the community

Student center events

Every Monday, 7-9 p.m. - jam session, bring your own instrument/equipment.

Every Tuesday, 5-9 p.m. - Video Night in the pub.

Every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.- Variety Dance Night in the pub. Listen to Latin, hip-hop and R&B music.

Every Thursday, 7-9 p.m. - Karaoke Night.

Every Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Club BDU dance.

Every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. - billiards tournament in the ballroom.

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday: Noon to 10 p.m.

Holidays: Noon to 8 p.m.

Car, travel show to roll onto base in May

The base will have a car and travel show Saturday at the BX parking lot from noon to 4 p.m. There will be free hot dogs, chips and drinks, entertainment and other activities. For more information, call 6-4141 or 6 -2471.

Club BDU to celebrate with special dance

The student center will hold a special Club BDU dance May 25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be DJ music for hours of dancing. Call 6-7659 for more information.

Club BDU to honor Armed Forces Day with dance

Club BDU will hold a dance for Armed Forces Day May 17 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call 6-7659 for more information.

Student center to cookout and race beds for Memorial Day

The student center will host a Memorial Day celebration with a cookout and a bed race May 26 from noon to 4 p.m. Register at the student center. Deadline is Wednesday. The Memorial Day celebration and cookout will be in the central park on the north side of the student center. There will be free food, including hamburgers, hot dogs and baked beans, and DJ entertainment. A team of five from each training squadron will com-

pete against the clock for recognition. There will also be awards and prizes for the fastest, best decorated bed and overall team spirit. For more information, call 6-7659.

Chapel events

Sheppard chapels offer a variety of programs for student enrichment:

Saturday

All students are invited to the "Solid Rock Cafe" held each Saturday at the south chapel. Dinner is served at 5 p.m., and a variety of scheduled activities take place from 3-9 p.m.

Sunday

Students are invited to the north chapel at 5 p.m. on Sundays for Bible study, an informal get-together with refreshments and student-led music, ending with athletic activities at the north fitness center.

Community center events

Table tennis classes

Free classes are held every Monday and Friday. Professional tournament instructors are available. For more information, call 6-3866.

Community center to hold table tennis tournament

There will be a table tennis tournament Saturday at 5 p.m. There will be first- and second-place trophies. For more information, call 6-3866.

Other events

Classic Car Friday rolls onto base

Classic Car Friday is today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library parking lot. Contact Mr. Steve Harvey at 6-5712 for more information.

Dining facilities celebrate birthdays with dinner

Students who are having a birthday this month and are on subsistence in kind are invited to celebrate their birthdays on the Friday of their choice for dinner. Contact the cashier to pick up a birthday card registration form.

Students should indicate their entree choice and when they want to celebrate. Students can contact the dining facility manager/supervisor, or call 6-2080 for more information.



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig

On cue

Airman 1st Class Jesus Bojorquez, a student at the 361st Training Squadron, focuses on his game of pool at the community center. The community center also offers activities like video games and movies.

25 ways to save

1. Turn a hobby into a money-making service.
* disk jockeying, computer lessons, jewelry making, etc.
2. Swap clothing with friends.
3. Carpool.
4. If you have a credit card, make every attempt to pay off your balance each month.
5. If you are on your own, share an apartment/house with friends.
6. Avoid the urge to spend money on fast food.
7. Pack your lunch.
8. Read magazines at the library.
9. Buy books at used bookstores.
10. Visit yard sales.
11. Never make impulse purchases.
12. Ask for cosmetic samples.
13. Shop with a list—if it's not on the list, don't buy it.
14. Buy generic or store-brand products.
15. Don't buy food at convenience stores or gas stations.
16. Avoid vending machines.
17. Have a set weekly allowance plan before using your ATM or debit card.
18. Use e-mail or instant messaging to stay in touch with long-distance family and friends.
19. Make a pizza instead of ordering one.
20. Shop at bakery thrift stores.
21. Save pocket change daily.
22. Hold a game night for friends.
23. Take your leftovers home after eating out.
24. Check the newspaper for free local recreation.
25. Look for sales and use coupons. *(Courtesy of the family support center)*

For movie show times and general activities at Services facilities, see Sheppard Scenes on Page 16.

Asian Pacific Islander Month events continue

By Ms. Lynn Gonzales

Base public communication

May is Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

The Sheppard Asian Pacific Islander Committee has scheduled some events throughout the month.

Every Tuesday in May the committee will hold a library story time from 10:30-11 a.m. that will focus on Asian Pacific Islander culture. Story time is for children 3-6 years old. Call the base library at 6-6152 for more information.

There will be a free Asian Pacific Islander Committee cooking and craft demonstration May 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the south chapel. They will have a series of demonstrations, including how to make lumpia, sushi and flower leis.

The month will end with a grand luau featuring an authentic Asian Pacific Islander menu and entertainment May 30 at the enlisted club. The luau will start at 6 p.m. and end at about 9 p.m. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Froilan Saluta, wing chaplain for the 82nd Training Wing. The cost is \$12 per person.

For more information about or tickets to any of the events or activities during the month, contact any of the following committee members:

Senior Master Sgt. Ferdinand Patao at 6-2031

Chaplain Froilan Saluta at 6-4370

Mrs. Marietta Sojo at 6- 6389

Mr. Charlie Sine at 6-6446

Mrs. Ruby Valeri at 6-2722

Ms. Audrey Herwig at 6-5243.



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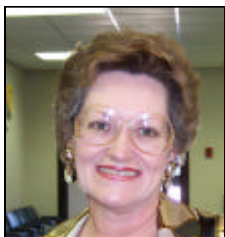
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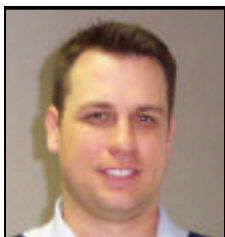
Soundoff

What do you like best about Team Sheppard TV, Channel 14?



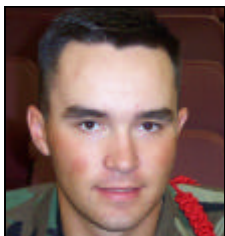
"I think it's a great improvement. It's very versatile and lets you satisfy more than one need at a time."

~ Ms. Linda Faulkner,
82nd Comptroller Squadron



"It looks a lot better, more like CNN. I really like the headlines and sports scores across the bottom of the screen."

~ 1st Lt. Hunter Channell,
82nd Mission Support
Squadron



"It's a better way for the leadership to communicate with everyone. Sometimes we hear things thirdhand. Now, we can get it directly"

~ Airman 1st Class
Alexander Reno, 361st Train-
ing Squadron



"The new format is easy to understand and has a lot of information."

~ 2nd Lt. Fatih Tum, 80th
Operations Support
Squadron

Achievers

Enlisted spouses club awards scholarships

The Sheppard Enlisted Spouses Club held its annual scholarship reception April 22 at the officers club.

Ms. Gwendolyn Gray, president of the ESC, awarded the \$1,000 student scholarships to Krystal Blankenship, David Ferguson Jr., Brent Howard, Jentry Pritt, Gregory Rose and Darrell Sims Jr. Joseph Yehle received the scholarship sponsored by First Command Financial Planning. The \$500 military spouse scholarship recipients are Maricar Aberin, Jodi Bruce, Michelle Kalt, Pollyann Keller, Ruth Peterson, Sue Rueschenberg and Lisa Weaver. Amy Wenk received the scholarship sponsored by Chaney Financial.

Ms. Gray told recipients to think of their scholarships as an ESC investment. She challenged them to support college scholarships in the future when they were able in order for future generations to have scholarships available.

Ms. Janice Sons, keynote speaker, shared the following advice with the recipients, "Life is short; life is tough . . . keep your sense of humor. Don't be afraid to fail and you will succeed."

Additional honored guests in attendance were Mrs. Helen



Photo by Ms. Sandy Wassenmiller

The high school senior winners of the enlisted spouses club scholarship are (from top left) Joseph Yehle, Jentry Pritt, Brent Howard, Gregory Rose, Darrell Sims, Krystal Blankenship and David Ferguson.

Rooney, Tate Young of First Command Financial Planning, and Julia White of Chaney Financial.

In addition to the \$11,000 awarded in academic scholarships, the ESC also makes contributions throughout the year to base organizations and organizations in the surrounding communities that support military families. The ESC's main source of funding is the base thrift shop.

The Sheppard Enlisted

Spouses Club is a tri-service organization. Spouses of active military members and retirees in the area are eligible for membership. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the community center.

For more information about the ESC, e-mail esc_sheppardafb@yahoo.com or visit www.sheppard.af.mil/esc.htm. (Courtesy of the enlisted spouses club)

Sheppard NCO becomes Course 5 honor grad

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Smith, 80th Operations Support Squadron, became Sheppard's 6th honor graduate since 1996 of Course 5, Senior NCO Academy, on April 22.

He completed the course with a 95 percent cumulative average. The average cumulative score for Sheppard members is in the mid-80s. (Courtesy of the base education office)



Photo by Ms. Sandy Wassenmiller

City reception

Donning jungle hats, Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, and Wichita Falls Mayor Bill Altman, along with a crowd of others, cheer and wave flags at the Kay Yeager Coliseum before attending a performance of Disney on Ice Saturday. The city of Wichita Falls and several sponsors provided 130 free tickets to the event to families in Sheppard's Hearts Apart Support Group, a group for spouses and children of deployed and remote military members. A jungle-themed dinner was also hosted.

Sgt. Looksharp says...

In response to the question of where members can dine in the battle dress uniform:



Members may not wear BDUs to establishments that operate primarily to serve alcohol or to eat lunch where people wear business attire. Members may eat at local establishments where people wear comparable comfortable clothing and to make short convenience stops (including shopping malls). Ref: AFI 36-2903, Table 2.7.



Courtesy photo

The base 24-hour recycling drop off moved from Heritage Way to the east parking lot of Bldg. 1121, off Avenue D behind the enlisted club.

24-hour recycling drop off moves

The Sheppard recycling collection point, previously located on Heritage Way (Motor Pool Drive) in front of the Heritage Center, moved Thursday.

The new location is in the east parking lot of Bldg. 1121, which houses the tax center and is located off Avenue D behind the enlisted club.

The new location offers 24-hour drop-off of a variety of items, including cardboard, white paper, newspaper, tin, clear glass, brown glass, plastic bottles, aluminum and scrap metal.

Other recycling sites on base are the following:

- Behind Bldg. 2113 for wood pallets
- Auto hobby shop for auto oil and antifreeze
- DRMO, Bldg. 2135 for other large government items

Any recycling questions or comments can be directed to the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron's maintenance engineering section by calling 6-2638. *(Courtesy of the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron)*

Be smart. Stay safe.
Don't drink and drive!

Views

Nurses rise to new challenges

By Capt. Lee Alexander

882nd Training Group

The work of America's 2.7 million registered nurses to save lives and protect the health of millions is the focus of this year's National Nurses' Week.

National Nurses' Week begins Tuesday and ends May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday. The role of nursing since Nightingale's time has changed tremendously; yet with all the changes taking place around them, nurses continue in their strongest role as patient advocates.

This year's theme, "Nurses...Lifting spirits, Touching lives," highlights the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest group of health care professionals, are working to improve the health of America.

Like most public servants, nurses provide care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year in a variety of settings. The scope of nursing practice is expanding to meet the ever-changing health care needs of America.

Today's nurse is part of a leaner staff doing more work. Even so, nurses continue to rise to the challenge.

In the true spirit of caring, nurses routinely go above and beyond, providing excellent patient care - whether it's helping a patient understand a complex procedure, comforting family members, conducting research, or teaching the new nurses of tomorrow - and new nurses are desperately needed

for tomorrow.

In these days of a critical nationwide nursing shortage, allow me to share how I was recruited into the world of nursing. Many years ago, when my daughters were small (they are both in college now), we were sitting at the kitchen table, coloring. They were musing about what to be when they grew up, with the usual ambitions of small children: cheerleader, ballerina, movie star.

Suddenly one of them turned to me and asked, "Mommy, what are you going to be when YOU grow up?"

I was caught completely off guard, amazed that they did not perceive me as "grown up" yet. The other one quickly answered, "Mommy, I think you should be a nurse, 'cause you like to take care of people."

That very day the seeds were planted in my mind, and I started nursing school that fall.

In today's Air Force, the nurse is a dynamic member of the health care team. Nurses are able to see the "big picture," which is also a skill employed by great leaders. Nurses at Sheppard are no exception; and we are proud of the enthusiasm, expertise and dedication of the 108 registered nurses who are currently serving at the 82nd Medical Group and the 882nd Training Group.

During National Nurses' Week, render a salute to all nurses, whose caring and skill have changed the face of medicine and changed the lives of our patients for the better.

War stories

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The secrets of "Rendez-Vous 127"

Helping downed airmen return home during World War II

By 2nd Lt. Ellen Harr

Base public communication

The year was 1944, and Belgium was suffering under German occupation for the last four years. The Gestapo imposed curfews, and midnight patrols routinely arrested members of the resistance movement who help the allied cause.

In the heart of Brussels, under the watchful eyes of the German authorities, was the Brusselmans family apartment, known even to fellow members of the underground resistance movement as simply "Rendez-Vous 127." For the family's protection, the location of their apartment remained secret — except to Mr. and Mrs. Brusselmans, their two children, and the downed allied airmen who were sheltered there.

This was how the Brusselmans family lived during the Second World War.

Mrs. Anne Brusselmans, by all appearances an ordinary Belgian housewife, served as a link in the chain of patriots eager to serve the allied cause and report to "higher authorities" than those currently occupying Brussels. Born to a British mother and Belgian father, Mrs. Brusselmans' knowledge of English allowed her to aide allied airmen as they evaded Hitler's armies.

From the beginning of the occupation in 1940 until Belgium's liberation in 1944, Mrs. Brusselmans helped more than 130 airmen avoid capture by German authorities. She began by providing shelter to these airmen whose airplanes had crashed on Belgian soil.

Soon, Mrs. Brusselmans began to play a more active role in helping the airmen she called "her boys" reach safety in England. She sought out "safe houses" in all districts of the city to house the airmen and interrogated newcomers to ensure

that they weren't spies planted by the Gestapo.

Even though she controlled a network that housed 54 airmen within Brussels near the end of the war, Mrs. Brusselmans and her family never came to the attention of the German authorities. She always used her real identity papers and believed she avoided arrest because the Germans were looking for a British woman rather than a Belgian.

"My mother performed many of the dangerous tasks. She was often out at night or escorting an airman down the streets of occupied Brussels," said her daughter, Ms. Yvonne Daley-Brusselmans, "but my father's role was to keep the façade. He continued to go to work, to



Courtesy photo

Mr. Julien Brusselmans and Mrs. Anne Brusselmans were reunited with Mr. Hank Sarnow, a downed airman who stayed with their family for more than a month as they helped evade capture. The three appeared together on the television program "This Is Your Life," which was hosted by Mr. Eamon Andrews, in 1957.

play cards with friends to invite relatives home to visit. He worked for weeks on a farm every year of the war to provide food for our family and the airmen we sheltered. He also had to cope with my mother putting herself and sometimes my brother and I in danger."

Even though the family faced arrest if their resistance activities were discovered, they felt their work with the resistance was their duty.

"My mother used to say that she hoped that someone would do the same for her son if he were one day in the same circumstances as the downed airmen," said Ms. Daley-Brusselmans. "We viewed it as a 50-50 split with the allies. They were risking their lives to free us, so we should help them escape."

Since she and her brother, Jacques, were children during the war, they were not aware at first of their family's involvement of the resistance. The airmen who came to stay at "Rendez-Vous 127" were introduced to them as their "Flemish cousins." This was done because the downed airmen didn't speak French (the children's native tongue) and the children couldn't speak Flemish. This allowed the family to speak English, which the children learned from their mother, with their "cousins."

"This explanation satisfied us for a time, but after 25 or 30 'Flemish cousins' I started to question [the truth of that relationship]," said Ms. Daley-Brusselmans. "I found a box with photos of our 'cousins' and false identification papers. Mother explained their true identity to me and, after that, I began to understand how dangerous it was."

After the war ended the Brusselmans remained closely linked to their work in the resistance movement. Many of the downed airmen sought to keep in touch with "Madame Anne," as they called her, and her family. Mrs. Brusselmans and her daughter, Ms. Daley-Brusselmans, became active members of the Royal Air Forces Escaping Society and, later upon emigrating to the United States, the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society.

Reliving the past: II prisoner of war re

By Airman Jacque Lickteig

Base public communication

In October 1941, two months before the attack on Pearl Harbor that plunged America into World War II, a 22-year-old college student joined the Army Air Corps.

That decision, and the events that followed, changed him from being a student to a man who has first-hand experience of being a prisoner of war held captive by German guards.

Mr. Paul Kenney, who was a second lieutenant at the time, was a bombardier on a 10-man crew of a B-17 heavy bomber.

On Feb. 11, 1944, their plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire in their 12th mission during WWII. The weapons knocked out the plane's oxygen system, Mr. Kenney said.

The pilot flew the plane down to an altitude that allowed the crew to breathe, making them vulnerable to attack by German planes.

The pilot had to execute a crash landing in north-eastern France after heavy attack from German FW-190 pursuit planes.

"Up to this point, I hadn't felt anything. I had a job to do, and I was too busy to think of anything else. As we left the plane, I had a feeling of elation. We had survived the attack of the pursuit fighters and the crash. I was on the ground and alive, but I was behind enemy lines," said Mr. Kenney.

Hundreds of German soldiers were near the crash site, so Mr. Kenney, the pilot and the engineer ran



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Vernon Snelle, combat engineer, Sgt. Robert Lee, waist gunner, Staff Sgt. Noah Puckett, radio operator, Sgt. Richard Wells, waist gunner, Sgt. Jack Brown, ball-turret gunner, Sgt. Joe Humble, tail gunner, 2nd Lt. Cliff Moore, pilot, 2nd Lt. Gilman Stewart, co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Paul Kenney, bombardier, and 2nd Lt. Bernie Collins, navigator, stand in front of a B-17 bomber.



Courtesy photo

Mr. Walter Berry, a downed Irish airman who stayed with the Brusselmans family for five weeks, and Mrs. Anne Brusselmans appear in this photo taken by a street photographer in Brussels. The photo and its negative had to be retrieved from the photographer by Mrs. Brusselmans, so it would not fall into the hands of the Gestapo.

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t: Former World War reveals his story

to a nearby barn to hide out until it got dark.

After night had fallen, the three sought refuge in a schoolhouse in a village nearby. The teachers who lived in the apartments in the schoolhouse gave them food and first aid and told them to hide out in another barn for the night.

The next morning, the engineer couldn't walk due to a leg injury from the previous day's attack.

"With regret, we had to leave him there. We learned later he was taken prisoner the next day, and he survived," he said.

Mr. Kenney and the pilot left the barn and found refuge with the French Underground.

They stayed with the Resistance for 81 days, moving from place to place. Their goal was to make it to Paris and hide there until the city was liberated.

On May 3, 1944, the French Underground found a guide to take Mr. Kenney and the pilot to Paris.

The guide turned out to be a German double agent who turned Mr. Kenney and the pilot over to the Luftwaffe police.

"The moment I realized it was all over for us, I felt shock, anger, hatred for the Nazis, fear of the unknown which lay ahead and sorrow for the brave people who had sacrificed so much to help us and were being betrayed," he said.

He said the Germans took him to an interrogation center, where the living conditions were poor. He remained there for a month.

From there, he was taken to Brussels, then Amsterdam and later Poland.

By January, the Germans forced Mr. Kenney and his fellow prisoners to march to Czechoslovakia, he said.

They were heading toward Nuremberg, where Mr. Kenney believed he was likely to be executed.

"I decided I wasn't going to go in the front door and out the chimney," he said.

He and a few fellow prisoners escaped from the German guards during the march to Mooseburg. They remained in hiding in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps.

They made their way to Mooseburg, Germany, where, on April 29, 1945, the 4th Armored Division of the U.S. Army came through to liberate the American prisoners.

Mr. Kenney finally made it home June 15, 1945.



2nd Lt. Paul Kenney, 1942

On the run: One man's story of evading capture after his B-17 was shot down over France

By Airman 1st Class Pamela Lampert

Base public communication

Most 19-year-olds living in Dallas never think that in a little more than a year they will be traveling through an unfamiliar country evading enemy capture during a war, but that's exactly what happened to Mr. Virgil Marco almost 60 years ago.

Mr. Marco, a Dallas native, entered the military at age 19. He enlisted in the Army on Feb. 12, 1943 and was sent to Camp Wolters in Mineral Wells, Texas, where he received his uniforms and was given two choices for training in the various branches of the Army, he said. His first choice was the Air Force, and his second choice was the infantry. He was granted his first choice and was sent to Sheppard Field for basic training.

Mr. Marco went to Buckley Field, Colo., and then to Lowery Field, Colo., to train as an armorer. He then attended flight training as gunner on a heavy bomber at the Las Vegas Aerial Gunnery School at Las Vegas Army Airfield.

He was then assigned to a B-17 crew at Dalhart Army Airfield, Texas, as tail gunner where he received combat training with the Lincoln Crew, named after Capt. J. W. Lincoln, the combat crew's commander. Mr. Marco, a staff sergeant at the time, was then assigned to the 8th Air Force as a tail gunner on the Lincoln Crew, a part of the 366th Bomb Squadron, 305th Bomb Group.

On April 24, 1944, the Lincoln Crew was on a mission to bomb a target 15 miles south of Munich, Germany.

"When approaching our target, 20 or 30 ME-109s attacked us at 1:00 high, hitting our number one engine," said Mr. Marco. "Without enough power to keep up, we continued flying over the target, dropped our bombs and began drifting back and below the rest of our group. Our escorting P-47 fighters arrived after the battle and informed us that we would have to fly home the best way possible without their protection. They had to stay with the rest of the group."

The Lincoln Crew proceeded toward their home base, Chelveston, England. They continued to lose altitude as they went along.

"We were now flying at an altitude of 1,400 feet," said Mr. Marco. "An enemy FW-190 sneaked up on the rear of our

plane and began firing its guns. The navigator, Phil Campbell, left the plane by parachute along with the waist gunner, Bill Bergman. Then a few minutes later, the FW-190 opened fire again. The other waist gunner, Gene Snodgrass, myself, and the ball turret gunner, James Mayfield bailed out in that order."

Captain Lincoln guided the crippled plane down to a successful crash landing in a cow pasture near Leuze, France, close to the French-Belgian border, said Mr. Marco.

After parachuting from the plane, Mr. Marco landed in a field near where Mr. Gene Snodgrass had landed. They met up and were led by a French boy named Pierre Bonnet to a Catholic priest's home. The priest gave them a map and some directions.

Following the directions on the map, they made their way to Guignicourt, the last town circled on the map. Six days had passed since the plane was shot down. Guignicourt's mayor drove the two to Bouconville, where they hid in the home of an underground agent.

After about two weeks, Mr. Marco and Mr. Snodgrass were taken to Chauny, France, where they stayed with the Tavernier family. Another underground agent brought Mr. Bill Bergman, also a member of the Lincoln Crew, to the Tavernier home.

"On June 6, D-Day, Gene, Bill and I were taken to a farm near Chauny where we met 50 American and British fliers who had been hiding in Chauny. Some were shot down a few days earlier and some over a year ago," said Mr. Marco.

The three spent the next three months in hiding.

"Gene, Bill and I were liberated by the American Army on Sept. 2, 1944. We were very fortunate that the French and Belgians were waiting to help us," said Mr. Marco.

Mr. Marco said the things that helped him get through the ordeal were the supplies he had been issued, the will to evade capture and the people along the way.

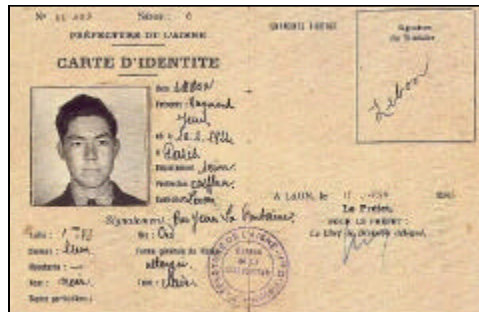
"I was issued an escape kit on every mission containing maps of France, French money, water purification tablets, small compass, etc. I also had the desire not to become a POW," he said. "I met some very nice French people who I kept in touch with. I was lucky to receive help soon after I parachuted."

Mr. Marco is now a member of the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society.



Courtesy photo

Virgil Marco, Gene Snodgrass and Bill Bergman pose for a photo in Chauny, France, after being liberated by the 28th Infantry Division in September 1944.



Courtesy photo

This French identification card was issued to Virgil Marco along with maps of France and French money as part of a survival kit.

General activities

Give Parents a Break Program to take place Saturday

The Give a Parents a Break Program is being held at the child development center the first Saturday of every month from 1-5 p.m. The next session is Saturday. Those eligible to use the program include parents of children 6 weeks through 5 years old whose spouse is deployed, on extended TDY or required to work extended shifts. Also included are those parents who have been experiencing extenuating family circumstances such as the birth of a baby, serious illness of a family member, death in the family or extended illness of a family member. Register two weeks in advance or call to check on availability. The last day to register is the Wednesday before the Saturday session. Call 6-2038 for more information or dates.

Library to offer class in digital photography

The base library will offer a digital photography class May 8 from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call the library at 6-6152.

Base pool passes now on sale for season

Base pool passes are now on sale at Bldg. 2117. Passes for individuals cost \$35, and family passes cost \$65. Swim season starts in May. Call 6-4141 for more information.

Lake Texoma to celebrate Mother's Day with breakfast

Sheppard Annex Lake Texoma will have a Mother's Day breakfast special May 11. The breakfast will include two pancakes and sausage or bacon for \$1.99. For more information, call (903) 523-4613.

Club activities

Enlisted club now closed on Sundays

The enlisted club is now closed on Sundays. Call the enlisted club at 6-2083 for more information.

Latin night, Cinco de Mayo celebration to rock enlisted club

The enlisted club will have a latin night and Cinco de Mayo celebration Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. For more information, call 6-2083.

Officers club to have Saturday upscale dining

The officers club will have upscale dining Saturday from 5-8:30 p.m. People can order off the chef's special menu. All ranks are welcome. Call the officers club at 6-6460 for more information.

Domino tournament to hit enlisted club

The enlisted club will hold a domino

tournament May 9. The games begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call 6-2083.

Officers club to offer two-for-one Texas sirloin

The officers club will have a two-for-one Texas sirloin meal May 9 from 5:30-8 p.m. Cost for members is \$7.95, and cost for non-members is \$10.95. Membership pays! Call the officers club at 6-6460 for more information.

Duffy's Lounge changes weekend hours

Duffy's Lounge is now open on Thursdays from 4-8 p.m., Fridays from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., and is closed on Saturdays. For more information, call 6-6460.

Upcoming trips, shows ITT to host trip to Hawaiian Islands

ITT is planning a two-island Hawaiian vacation starting Nov. 8. The trip includes four nights on Oahu and three nights on Kauai departing from Oklahoma City. The total package price per couple is \$3,450. This tour includes all airfare, from Oklahoma City to Honolulu, Honolulu to Kauai, Kauai to Honolulu and Honolulu to Oklahoma City. Hotel transfers are also included. The host hotel in Honolulu is the Outrigger Reef on the Beach, and the host hotel in Kauai is the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort. Continental breakfast is included each morning in Kauai. The stay in Honolulu also includes a Circle Island Tour, a day at the Polynesian Cultural Center with dinner and a luau. The stay in Kauai includes a tour visiting Wailea River, Fern Grotto and Waimea Canyon. For more information, call ITT at 6-2302.

ITT planning upcoming trips in May

ITT is planning several trips for the month of May. Call 6-6210 for more information about any of these trips.

May 3 - JFK Museum, West End Marketplace and Galleria Mall Shopping, cost is \$23 per person.

May 10 - Fort Worth Zoo and Fort Worth Water Gardens, cost is \$23 per person. Register by Tuesday.

May 17 - Six Flags Theme Park, cost is \$38 per person. Register by May 13.

May 24 - Scarborough Faire and Medieval Times, cost is \$70 per person. Register by May 20.

ITT to hold travel show with booths, prizes

ITT will hold a travel show Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. in the community center. Admission is free. There will be door prizes, entertainment and vendor booths. Call ITT's leisure travel office at 6-7018 or 6-7014 for more information.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.
Bringing Down the House

Friday 9 p.m.

Dreamcatcher

Saturday 2 p.m.

Agent Cody Banks

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Bringing Down the House

Saturday 7 p.m.

Dreamcatcher

Sunday 2 p.m.

Dreamcatcher

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Bringing Down the House

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

The Core

**This schedule is subject to change without notice.
For movie information, call 6-4427.**

Bringing Down the House (PG-13) - Steve Martin, Queen Latifah - When an online love interest comes to a recently divorced attorney's house for their first face to face, she's not what he expected. She's a prison escapee who wants his help. In the end, this unlikely pair has the chance to put each other's lives on higher ground if they don't end up bringing down the house.

Dreamcatcher (R) - Morgan Freeman, Tom Sizemore - Four young friends perform a heroic act and gain uncanny powers in return.

Years later, challenged to stop a deadly alien force, they confront an unparalleled horror, with the fate of the world in the balance.

The Core (PG-13) - Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank - With the core not spinning and the planet's magnetic field deteriorating, our atmosphere comes apart with catastrophic consequences. To resolve the crisis, a geophysicist and a team of the most gifted scientists travel into the Earth's core in a subterranean craft piloted by "terranauts" to detonate a device that will reactivate the core.

Chapel Schedule

Student programs

Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, North Chapel

Saturday, 3-9 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel

Saturday, 3 p.m., Marriage Group, South Chapel

Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Evening Gathering, North Chapel

Catholic activities

Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m., North Chapel

Sunday, 9 a.m., North Chapel

Sunday, noon, North Chapel

Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., North Chapel

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-4:30 p.m., North Chapel

Protestant activities

Worship services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Community Service, North Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Holy Communion Service, Hospital Chapel

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Adult Book Study and Compline, Hospital Chapel

Religious education

Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962

Bible studies

Tuesday, 6 p.m., Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Thursday, noon, Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Thursday, 7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962

Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, South Chapel

Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 1:45 p.m., South Chapel

Jewish activities, call Maxine Simpson, House of Jacob Synagogue at 322-4177

Latter Day Saints, Sunday, 2 p.m., Hospital Chapel

Mystic Grove Pagan Study Group, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bldg. 962, call Kalista at 6-4370

Buddhist activities, call Terry Kelley at 6-4963 or 322-7389

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370



Programming runs 24 hours on **TSTV Channel 14**.
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Daily Programming

Sheppard Today ~ 6 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.
Air Force News ~ 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
Navy/Marine News ~ 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.
Army News ~ 8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Today

9 a.m. Maj. Gen. John Regni, 2nd Air Force Commander: On Communication
3p.m. African Americans in WWII: A Legacy of Patriotism and Valor
10:30 p.m. The Office of Special Investigation Story

Saturday

5:30 a.m. Multi-Service Programming
7 a.m. The OSI Story
4:30 a.m. Heloise: Life and the Military

Sunday

4:10 p.m. The Sampsell Story: Consequences of Drinking and Driving
8 p.m. On Communication
8:50 p.m. Doolittle

Monday

7:30 a.m. History of Air Mobility Command
10:30 a.m. African Americans in WWII
1 p.m. On Communication

Tuesday

11:40 a.m. The Sampsell Story
6 p.m. The OSI Story
6:30 p.m. History of AMC

Wednesday

9:30 p.m. The Sound of Freedom
11 p.m. History of AMC
11:30 Life and the Military

Thursday

7 a.m. The OSI Story
10:30 a.m. African Americans in WWII
8:50 p.m. Doolittle

Drinking and
driving don't mix!

To make suggestions or submit a unit video to **TSTV Channel 14**, call 6-2732 or e-mail TSTV@sheppard.af.mil.

Centennial of Flight

This week in air and space history

There are
232 days
left until
Centennial
of Flight

April 1942 - Sheppard Field published the local base newspaper, TEXACTS.

TEXACTS was a private publication created in the interest of all military personnel stationed at Sheppard. While military personnel received the paper free of charge, civilians were charged 5 cents for a copy or \$3.50 for a yearly subscription rate.



April 27, 1925 - A U.S. Navy lieutenant makes trial flight of new Wright "Cyclone" 450-horsepower air-cooled engine in DT-6 torpedo plane at Muchio's Field, N.J.

April 27, 1947 - United Airlines introduces the Douglas DC-6 aircraft, the first postwar aircraft to feature full-cabin pressurization.

April 27, 1955 - Jean Ross Howard Phelan establishes the Whirly Girls, Inc.

April 27, 1995 - The Global Positioning System becomes fully operational.

April 28, 1919 - Leslie Irvin makes the first jump from an airplane with free-type backpack parachute, which was designed by Floyd Smith, at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio.

April 28, 1993 - Secretary of Defense announces that women are permitted to enter combat.

April 30, 1917 - Pacific Aero Products Company changes its name to Boeing Airplane Company with William E. Boeing as president.

May 2-3, 1923 - Lieutenants Oakley Kelly and John Macready complete the first nonstop coast-to-coast airplane flight from New York to San Diego in 26 hours, 50 minutes.

May 2-16, 1992 - STS-49: First flight of Space Shuttle Endeavour and the first three-person spacewalk. Astronauts captured a private satellite for repair and reboost.

Sheppard Spotlight: 15 lines of fame

1. **Name:** Ryan Glidden
2. **Rank:** Staff Sergeant
3. **Organization and position:** 80th Operations Support Squadron, weather forecaster
4. **Hometown:** Little Rock, Ark.
5. **Married or single:** Married to Melissa Glidden. Daughter, Elle Mae Glidden.
6. **Hobbies or favorite thing(s) to do in your free time:** Spending time with my family, fishing, hunting and woodworking.
7. **Funniest childhood memory:** Believing eggs wouldn't break when I threw them on the carpet floor.
8. **Why did you join the Air Force?** Patriotic duty.
9. **Why do you stay in the Air Force?** Patriotic duty. Someone has to do it, and I am proud to serve.
10. **Date Arrived at Sheppard:** Nov. 3, 2000.
11. **Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Being directly involved in mission planning.
12. **Favorite book or movie:** Book - Bible. Movie – "A River Runs Through It."
13. **What is your dream vacation?** The boundary waters in North Canada to fish and hunt.
14. **If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be?** Myself.
15. **Most prized possession:** My family.



Staff Sgt. Ryan Glidden

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an ad in
The
**Sheppard
Senator,**
call 767-
SOLD.

Sports

Fitness Month Events

Monday-Thursday: Three-on-three basketball tournament, 4-5:30 p.m., north fitness center, sign up by today. For more information, call 6-6336.

Monday-May 9: Armed Forces racquetball tournament, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30-10:30 p.m., south fitness center, sign up by today. For more information, call 6-2972.

May 10: Five and 10K family fun run, 8 a.m., north fitness center, sign up by Wednesday. For more information, call 6-2022.

May 12-15: Armed Forces volleyball tournament, 5:30-8:30 p.m., south fitness center, sign up by May 8. For more information, call 6-2972.

May 16-17: Armed Forces softball tournament, 6 p.m. on May 16, 7 p.m. on May 17, Field 1. For more information, call 6-2022.

May 17: Aerobithon, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., south fitness center, sign up by May 14. For more information, call 6-2972.

May 31: Muscle mania and closing ceremony, weigh-in starts at 9 a.m., south fitness center, sign up by May 8. For more information, call 6-2972.

Fitness Month begins

By Airman 1st Class
Pamela Lampert

Base public communication

May Fitness Month kicked off with opening ceremonies Thursday at the south fitness center.

May Fitness Month is an Air Force-wide program that offers various fitness, sports and health events.

Team Sheppard members can take part in events to earn points toward awards and prizes.

Some events planned are a racquetball tournament, volleyball tournament, aerobithon, fun run and a three-on-three basketball tournament.

For a complete list of events and information on how to participate, see the May Fitness Month schedule above.

Base fitness facilities offer a variety of sports and activities to Team Sheppard for...

May Fitness Month



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig
David Trexler runs on an elliptical machine at the fitness center.



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig
Nicholas Madigan jumps to hit a racquetball at the north fitness center.



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig
Ruben Soler practices his skills on the soccer field.



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig
Charles Bustos does modified bicep curls in the weight room at the north fitness center.

Sports

Sports Shorts

Golf 101 to hit Wind Creek Golf Course

The Wind Creek Golf Course is still taking registration for Golf 101. The fee is \$15 per person, and everyone is eligible. The classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Classes begin Monday and continue until May 16. For more information, call the Wind Creek Golf Course at 6-6369.

Team Sheppard to train for Air Force Marathon

The Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Sept. 20. Cost is \$40 per person before July 1 and \$50 per person from July 1 to Sept. 5. Runners may complete the entire 26.2 mile race or form four-person relay teams. With commander approval, military members are entitled to permissive TDY and civilians may apply for Invitational Leave through their supervisors. Meetings will be held to explain training, registration, travel arrangements and costs. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. David Lanning at 6-7740.

Community center offers Jeet Kune Do

Jeet Kune Do focuses on the philosophy of the late martial artist, Mr. Bruce Lee. Classes

are held every Sunday at 2 p.m. The cost is \$35 per month. For more information, call the community center at 6-3866.

Soccer scrimmages take place at main track

Soccer scrimmages are currently being held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the field at the main track. All skill levels and genders are welcome to play. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Michael Wierusz at 6-5651 or Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Leobardo Rodriguez at 6-6925.

South lanes to hold No Tap Tournament

A No Tap Tournament will take place at the south lanes May 10 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$13 per person. Call 6-2170 for more information.

Aerobiccenter provides a variety of classes

The aerobiccenter is located in the south fitness center. Some classes are noted below. For a full list of classes, call 6-2972. Abdominal class, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. Step aerobics, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 a.m. Kickboxing, Tuesday at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Boot camp/circuit training, Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

**Do you need
help starting a
fitness program?
Get advice from a
personal trainer.**

**Call 6-7491 for
an appointment.**